

SENATE BILL NO. 476 (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 132 by Senator Martiny)

BY SENATOR MARTINY

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 22:1055, relative to the requirement for health insurance coverage of diagnosis  
3 and treatment for temporomandibular joint and associated musculature and  
4 neurology; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 22:1055 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 **§1055. Requirement for coverage of diagnosis and treatment for**  
8 **temporomandibular joint and associated musculature and**  
9 **neurology**

10 **A. Every hospital, health, or medical expense insurance policy in the**  
11 **large group market as defined in R.S. 22:1091(B), delivered or issued for**  
12 **delivery in this state shall include coverage for diagnostic, therapeutic, or**  
13 **surgical procedures related to the temporomandibular joint (TMJ) and**  
14 **associated musculature and neurological conditions. This Section shall not apply**  
15 **to coverage provided by the Office of Group Benefits.**

16 **B. The coverage for diagnostic, therapeutic, or surgical procedures**  
17 **related to temporomandibular joint and associated musculature and**  
18 **neurological conditions shall be subject to the same conditions, limitations,**  
19 **precertification, prior authorization, referral procedures, copayment, and**  
20 **coinsurance provisions that apply to coverage for diagnostic, therapeutic, or**  
21 **surgical procedures involving other bones or joints of the human skeleton.**

22 **C. The provisions of this Section shall apply to all new policies, plans,**  
23 **certificates, and contracts issued on or after January 1, 2018. Existing policies,**  
24 **plans, certificates, and contracts shall include the coverage required by this**  
25 **Section on renewal thereof, but in no case later than January 1, 2019.**

1           Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
5 effective on the day following such approval.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_